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In re Application of: Nick P. DiVittorio  
 Application No. 09/449,912  
 Filed: December 2, 1999  
 For: A MULTI-LEVEL MULTI-VARIABLE CONTROL PROCESS PROGRAM EXECUTION SCHEME  
 FOR DISTRIBUTED PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

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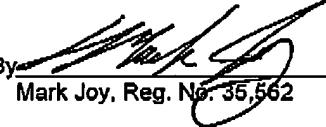
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